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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DUARTE VISIT; EL SALVADOR ELECTIONS

REF: (A) TELCON LOZANO/WEISSMAN FEBRUARY 14 (B) STATE 28103.

1. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUESTED MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE TODMAN, ARA/CEN OFFICERS, AND ARA HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER MET WITH NAPOLEON DUARTE, BILL BROWN AND JO MARIE GRIESGRABER, ALSO OF WOLA, FEBRUARY 10. THE CONVERSATION CENTERED UPON DUARTE'S VIEWS REGARDING THE NATURE OF USG RELATIONS WITH DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES GENERALLY, AND IN LATIN AMERICA, SPECIFICALLY. INTER ALIA, HE PROVIDED ANECDOTAL DEPICTION OF THE CLIMATE IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, CONCLUDING BY EXPRESSING HIS HOPE THE USG WOULD ISSUE A STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING EXPECTATION FOR FAIR, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS ON FEBRUARY 20. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS  
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INFORMED HIM THAT USG CONCERN FOR A FAIR ELECTION AND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE GOES REPEATEDLY IN WAYS WE CONSIDER MOST APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE. WE ALSO MENTIONED THAT WE HAD CONVEYED THIS CONCERN TO THE OPPOSITION AS WELL. MEETING WAS PRINCIPALLY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND DUARTE STATED HE WAS MAINLY

INTERESTED IN HAVING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN DIRECTLY TO USG.

2. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS FROM WOLA THAT DUARTE CIRCULATED EXTENSIVELY ON THE HILL, MEETING WITH SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING HARKIN, AND THEIR AIDES, LUNCHING WITH SOME, AND TALKING WITH SENATOR KENNEDY FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES. DUARTE ALSO SAW ROBERT PASTOR OF THE NSC STAFF.

3. CONTACTS WITH AMBASSADOR BERTRAND GALINDO REFERRED TO IN REFTEL (B) INCLUDED FOUR INFORMAL APPROACHES BY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SINCE BEGINNING DECEMBER, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS CALLS TO DEPARTMENT AND ONE LUNCH. THESE RELAYED INCREASING INTEREST, PARTICULARLY ON HILL, IN CONDUCT OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND STRESSED POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE TO EL SALVADOR'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, POTENTIAL FOR HARM TO BILATERAL RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR INDICATED HE WAS AWARE INDEPENDENTLY OF INCREASED ATTENTION HERE IN WASHINGTON. ON LATEST OCCASION, FEBRUARY 8 VISIT TO DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW ECONOMIC OFFICER, BERTRAND GALINDO ADVISED THAT HE HAD RELAYED CONCERN TO GOES THROUGH INDIVIDUAL VERY CLOSE TO MOLINA. HARTMAN

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